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TO: Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Attention: Mr. Raymond F. Farrell

FROM: Deputy Director, Plans

SUBJECT: ZAKS, Andras
[aka ZAKO, Andras (Gen.)
ZAKO, Andras]

1. Reference is made to the telephone request on 3 December 1959, of Mr. McCarthy for information concerning Andras ZAKS. The files contain voluminous, unconsolidated references to Subject. The following abbreviated summary represents the type of activity with which he had been connected, and is furnished in the interest of rapid service. Although Subject is not known to have Communist or pro-Soviet sympathies, the scope and orientation of his activities have made him a controversial figure.

2. General Andras ZAKO is the head of a political group known as The League of Hungarian Veterans (MHEK - Magyar Harkosok Hajtarsi Egyessege) and was a member of the Hungarian general staff. During World War II, Subject was either the head of the Hungarian Military Intelligence Department or one of its most prominent members. At the end of the war, he fled to Austria to avoid being captured by Soviet troops. He has since lived in Austria as a refugee, most recently at Abens, near Innsbruck, in what was formerly the French Zone of Occupation. During his residence in Austria, he has been closely and actively connected with anti-Communist, right-wing Hungarian emigre elements.

3. The MHEK is known to be active in politics and intelligence. Political activity centers on the "registration" of Hungarian emigres in all parts of the world as members of the MHEK. The membership is thus alleged by the governing committee of the MHEK to represent an organized group of trained men, ready to engage in any sort of anti-Communist activity. Dues are assessed by the MHEK against its members, the resulting fund being used to support "accredited representatives" in various cities of the world, including, for example, Vatican City. These representatives attempt to persuade governments, political parties, and groups of private citizens to contribute further funds and political support for the basic MHEK organization. Subject and his supporters have consistently attempted, under various guises,

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to enlist financial and potential support from numerous government agencies, both in the United States and abroad.

4. Shortly after the end of World War II, members of the MMRK enjoyed relatively good contacts in Hungary, which were exploited as intelligence assets. Information received through these channels was made available to various West European governments.

5. The MMRK has been, since its inception, an object of interest to the Communist Hungarian Intelligence Service and a target for penetration and disruption. There are no reports available, however, that reflect that Subject is anything but basically anti-Communist in political motivation and activity.

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